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Dear Sir:

This is an appeal from the Office Action mailed on November 30, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-20.

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there is no teaching or suggestion in Rowland et al to use abrasive granules to form sharp edges on the claimed surface portion of a paper hanger. Thus claims 14 and 16 should also be allowed.

CONCLUSION

For the foregoing reasons, Appellants respectfully submit that the Examiner has erred in rejecting this application. Please reverse the Examiner on all counts.

Respectfully submitted,

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